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~~SECRET~~ SAVIN SECTION THREE OF FIVE 2/06/ [ ] VCK-E/R4-66 PRELIMINARY AIR ACTIVITY REPORT INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN REPRESENTS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SIGINT AVAILABLE TO USJ-794 AS OF 031200Z DECEMBER 1966. BETWEEN 0605 AND 0701Z, DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE AND VHF TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES REFLECTED A MINIMUM OF EIGHT HANOI GIA LAM BASED PROBABLE MIG-17'S IN REACTION TO AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE HANOI/ PHUC YEN AREA. AT 0609Z, THE FIRST FLIGHT OF TWO MIG'S WERE REFLECTED RECOVERING AT HANOI GIA LAM, WHILE A SECOND FLIGHT OF THREE MIG'S CONTINUED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. AT 0619Z, THIS FLIGHT WAS ORDERED TO ATTACK THE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WHEN THEY APPEARED. AT 0622Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUND CONTROLLER ORDERED THE FLIGHT TO ATTACK AND THE FLIGHT LEADER ANSWERED EXCITEDLY THAT HE SAW THEM AND "I SHOT ALREADY". THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER REFUSED TO GIVE PERMISSION TO CROSS THE REDRIVER AND THE MIG'S CONTINUED ON A DEFENSIVE PATROL UNTIL 0627Z, WHEN THEY WERE ORDERED TO RECOVER. TWO AIRCRAFT OF THIS FLIGHT WERE NOTED LANDING, WHILE THE FLIGHT LEADER REMAINED AIRBORNE TO PROVIDE COVER FOR A THIRD FLIGHT OF THREE MIG'S PREPARING TO TAKE-OFF. HE REMAINED AIRBORNE UNTIL 0639Z WHEN HE WAS ORDERED TO RECOVER. THE THIRD FLIGHT REMAINED AIRBORNE ON A DEFENSIVE PATROL UNTIL 0701Z WHEN THEY WERE ORDERED TO RECOVER AT PHUC YEN. ALL OF THE MIG ACTIVITY FROM GIA LAM WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF BOTH THE HANOI AIRFIELD CONTROLLER AND THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER. DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED THESE MIG'S ORBITING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO GIA LAM, SUGGESTING THAT THEIR PRIMARY MISSION WAS THAT AIRFIELD'S DEFENSE, JUST AS IT APPEARED TO BE THE PHUC YEN BASED MIG-21'S PRIMARY MISSION TO PROTECT PHUC YEN. SIGINT AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS DID NOT REFLECT THE LOSS OR DAMAGE TO EITHER DRV OR U.S. AIRCRAFT DURING THIS ACTIVITY. (REF USA-32 SPOT REPORT 2/03Z VCK/R507-66, DTG 021550Z, DEC 66 AND FOLLOW-UPS THEREIN). SECTION THREE - DRV SAM LAUNCHES ON 2 DECEMBER 1966. BETWEEN 0546 AND 0945Z, DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED A MINIMUM OF NINE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE LAUNCHES BY THE DRV SAM COMPLEX. BETWEEN 0546 AND 0620Z, A SPEAKER AT THE SAM SITE LOCATED AT 2015N 10618E, REPORTED LAUNCHING FIVE MISSILES. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THREE OF THESE WERE WITHOUT GUIDANCE, AND AT LEAST TWO WERE REPORTED TO HAVE NOT EXPLODED. THESE LAUNCHES POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO THE LOSS OF ONE F4C (DUKE-3) AT 0615Z, AS REFLECTED IN OPERATIONAL REPORTS. AT APPROXIMATELY 0710Z, A SPEAKER AT A SAM SITE LOCATED AT 2008N 10601E (V1421), REPORTED THAT HE HAD LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES, WITH ONE, POSSIBLY BOTH, NOT HAVING GUIDANCE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HIS SITE HAD "EXPENDED ALL", IN A POSSIBLY REFERENCE TO HAVING LAUNCHED ALL OF THE MISSILES AT THIS SITE. IN A POST LAUNCH REPORT, BETWEEN 0921 AND 0945Z, A SPEAKER AT AN UNLOCATED SAM SITE REPORTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME. THE SECOND MISSILE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DESTROYED ONE "HOSTILE" AIRCRAFT. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT U.S. PILOTS OBSERVED AT LEAST SIXTY SAMs ON THIS DATE, WITH THE NINE REFLECTED IN DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS CORRELATING TO REPORTED MISSILE SIGHTINGS. OPERATIONAL REPORTS REFLECTED THE MISSILE SIGHTINGS. OPERATIONAL REPORTS REFLECTED THE LOSS OF

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EIGHT U.S. AIRCRAFT ON THIS DATE: TWO F4C'S (CHICAGO-3 AND DUKE-3), AND POSSIBLY TWO A4C'S (HOLLOWAY-300 AND 304) TO SAMS, ONE F-105D (CACTUS-1) AND ONE F4B (CITY DESK 461) TO AAA, AND ONE F4C (TEXAS-2) AND ONE RF4C (CHEVROLET) TO UNKNOWN CAUSES. ONLY ONE OF THESE LOSSES (DUKE-3) COULD BE CORRELATED TO THE ACTIVITY REFLECTED ON DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS. THE SIXTY MISSILE SIGHTINGS REFLECTED IN OPERATIONAL REPORTS IS A SINGLE DAY RECORD. (REF USA-32 SPOT REPORT) 2/H3/VCK/R507-66, DTD 021550Z, DEC 66 AND FOL-UPS THERETO).  
SECTION FOUR - AIR DEFENSE AND FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR 2 DECEMBER 1966. 1. SIGINT FOR 2 DECEMBER REFLECTED 31 ACTIVE RADAR STATIONS USING A TOTAL OF 49 INDIVIDUAL PIECES OF RADAR EQUIPMENT. THIS IS THE HIGHEST TOTAL OF RADAR EQUIPMENT IN USE SINCE 15 NOVEMBER WHEN 55 WERE REFLECTED ACTIVE. INTERCEPT OF DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED NINE RADAR STATIONS REPORTING A TOTAL OF 314 TRACKS. FOR THE NINTH CONSECUTIVE DAY THE SOUTHERN DRV WAS THE MOST ACTIVE REGION WITH 141 TRACKS REPORTED. THE [REDACTED] RADAR STATION IN THE SOUTHERN DRV, HAS NOT BEEN NOTED TRACKING FOR THE LAST FIVE DAYS. 899 NNNH

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